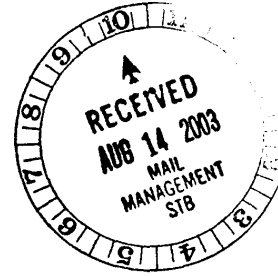




August 13, 2003



Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 453X) Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment  
Exemption - in Monroe County, IA

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific has received a copy of Iowa Trails Council's August 12, 2003 letter requesting a 180 day extension of time in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa between mileposts 315.0 and 322.9 for an interim recreational trail.

Union Pacific has no objection to the requested extension.

An additional 10 copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's files.

Sincerely,

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Manager Rail Line Planning

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